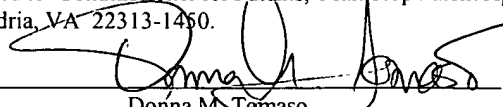


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under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Atty. Docket No. 005127.00288

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Enclosed herewith is a new patent application and the following papers:

Inventor (or application identifier): **Matthew D. Nordstrom**

Title of Invention: **ARTICLE OF SWIMWEAR WITH RESILIENT SEAL**

1. ■ Specification 17 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 36 claims (2 independent)
2. ■ Declaration/Power of Attorney is:  
☐ attached in the regular manner.  
■ NOT included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
3. ■ This Application has 4 distinct sheets of ☐ Formal ■ Informal Drawings
4. ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ Form 1449  
☐ A copy of each cited prior art reference
6. ☐ Assignments (2) with Cover Sheets.
7. ☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s) (provisional and foreign applications):

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8. ☐ Priority document(s).
9. ☐ Small Entity Status is being hereby claimed.
10. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission.  
☐ Computer Readable Copy.  
☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy).  
☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies.

11. Calculation of Fees:

FEES FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS	FEE	AMOUNT DUE
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))			\$770.00
Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	16	18.00	\$288.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	0	86.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))	0	290.00	\$0.00
Subtotal - Filing Fee Due			\$1058.00
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Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	0.50		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE DUE</b>			\$0.00
Assignment Recordation Fees (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))	X2	40.00	\$0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL DUE</b>			<b>\$1,058.00</b>

12. PAYMENT is:

- ☐ The Commissioner is authorized to debit the instant filing fee, in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
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13. All correspondence for the attached application should be directed to:

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14. Other: Application Data Sheet (3 pages) and Return Postcard.

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